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MODELS AND NONSENSE

If you are anything like a normal human person, you like to make things, possess them, call them your very own. If you're a man, you like to build homes, model ships, or railroads; if you're a woman, you love to furnish a home, to cook or sew. All of us like to make, or do, or accomplish something we can call our own, something which is part of ourselves.

In a similar but much more perfect way, the same is true of God. That is why He made the universe. We have the desire to make within us, because He had the desire within Himself. You remember He made us to His Own Image and Likeness—and in making us to His own Likeness He gave us something of His desire to make things.

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You know, or at least can imagine, how happy you feel when you have made something fine—say perhaps a working model of a steam engine. All the little wheels and springs, the rods and shafts move this way and that, each in its own way, doing exactly what it ought to do.

It is always a great joy to watch a model where everything is nicely oiled and bright and working with perfect smoothness, nothing too slowly, nothing too quickly, no screeches or harshness, but all just as it was meant.

Now, God made us as models, to work in such a way, smoothly, without harshness. And just as a man who makes a model finds pleasure in watching it "work", if it works properly, so God finds great pleasure in watching us in action when our actions are what He meant them to be.

Supposing someone drops a stone among the wheels, or some sand that makes things scratch, or stop, or go the wrong way—the model stops working.

That is something like that which happens when we commit sin. While we keep away from sin, God delights to watch us "working", because it was He who made us able to work. But sin upsets everything; the model goes wrong, wheels go the wrong way, they scratch and grind—we are no longer working models, but dead, useless things, and God takes no pleasure in watching us.

If you had a model steam boat that went backwards when you meant it to go forward, or forward when you meant it to go backward, you'd say: "this

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Tridiuum For Mother's Day, May 7-9

Special devotions in honor of Mary Immaculate will be held for all St. Joe men on the days immediately proceeding Mother's Day, May 11.

An integral part of the observance will also be a collection to be taken from and by us students for the completion of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Patroness of the United States) at Washington, D.C. This drive for funds is a national drive sponsored by the heirarchy of the United States under chairmanship of Bishop Noll of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

This year, 1947, marks 100 years since Pope Pius IX, in one of his first public acts, in response to a request from American Bishops, designated Mary Immaculate as the patroness of the United States.

St. Joe men will do their part. The SANGUINIST CLUB hopes to raise five hundred dollars as our part of the National drive for the National Shrine.

Are You With Us?

-QUIT KICKING-

There is a Russian Legend which tells of a very wicked woman, a peasant woman, who died and left not a single good deed behind that she could remember. The devils caught her up and plunged her deep into a lake of fire. Standing afar off, her guardian angel wept, and wondered what little good deed he might use to gain her favor before Almighty God.

Long and hard he tried to remember every detail of the wicked woman's life. Then he faintly remembered:

"Once," he thought to himself, "she gave a beggar woman an onion from her little garden."

He was pleased at recalling the lonely good deed, and went hurrying off to the court of Almighty God.

"You take that onion then", said God, "and hold it out to her in the lake. She should take hold. If the onion breaks she must stay where she is. If the onion does not break, bring her here to me in Paradise."

So the angel was glad; and taking the onion he went as fast as he could to the place where the woman was.

"Catch hold and I will pull you out," he said.

The woman grasped the onion and the angel began slowly to pull her out. She was almost free when some other sinners saw her good fortune and filled with envy caught at her to be pulled out with her. But because she was a very wicked woman she began kicking at them. No sooner had she done this than the onion broke. Her kicking had been too much strain. She is burning there in the lake of fire to this day. And the angel wept and went away.

Even tiny kindnesses like giving away an onion, might have great importance in getting us into heaven. But our kindnesses must never be accompanied by this "kicking" and grumbling. That spoils everything.

Most of us do all too few acts of kindness, and understanding anyway. And when we go grumbling and criticizing, finding fault with everyone and everything that does not please us at the moment, we spoil everything, and like the woman in the legend, we run chances of falling back deeper and deeper into the pool of fire made for those who do evil.

Quit kicking. Don't spoil the little good you do. If you cannot do good, if you cannot say something good, then do and say nothing.

America Cities To Suffer Devastation

"American cities will suffer the same devestation experienced by those of Germany within thirty years unless American Communists are stopped". This is the opinion of Mr. Louis Budenz, former editor of the **Daily Worker**, now a member of the teaching staff of Fordham University. Mr. Budenz addressed an audience of 2500 at Notre Dame University, March 8, 1947 as the first of the Aquinas Lecturers of the current season.

"The aims and ideals of the USSR are definitely aimed against American Capitalism and the Roman Catholic Church." These two, the one in the physical order, the other in the spiritual, are marked by the Communists as their greatest foes. All communist-policies are directed toward their ruin.

Specific instances and facts on Communist techniques in propaganda formed a major portion of Mr. Budenz's talk. He related how 90% of American Commu-

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AMERICAN DEVASTATION

nists are trained in Moscow, in special propaganda schools. Communist undercover men have traveled world-wide on forged American Passports, and with the protection of the American Government.

Mr. Budenz warned that if the United States gives Russia any more lend-lease, or loans of any kind, she is merely paying for more anti-American propaganda and footing the bill for USSR world domination.

In treating of means to counteract the threat of Communistic politics, the former Daily Worker editor urged Catholics to apply the social teachings of the encyclicals in labor matters. Catholics, he said, must realize that there is a difference between the "Commies" and the American Labor Organizations which they are only using.

He also recommended the "end of all appeasment" of Russia in the UNO, and strong American backing of the small nations. Particularly Mr. Budenz advocated that Great Britain, the United States and France, stand pat in their demands for the expulsion of the present communist puppet government of Poland, and the establishment of an independent Polish government.

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WE'RE FOR

God in all Campus activity.

Frequent Communion and frequent Confession.

Conscience and moral law in Church, on the Campus, on a date, in the court rooms of this nation and all nations.

Rights and DUTIES where they belong.

Plenty of laughs, in the right places, about the right things.

WE'RE AGAINST

Sleepy, sloppy Catholics.

Two sets of morals, one for Sunday, one for weekdays.

Chislers, phonies, stuffed-shirts.

Griping.

Racists and Racketeers (in or out of labor unions.)

Anything that is wrong (to be more fully specified as occasion demands.)

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JOE PUMA...

Joe Puma symbolizes the spirit of St. Joseph's College, and right now he's in the spirit of **spring training.** Wonder how much training his brain is getting in intellectual things, and his will in things which pertain to strong character? Use the Spring Triduum, May 7th, 8th, 9th, in honor of Mary Immaculate, to obtain her help in gaining both.

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Tales Mein Grossfader Told; Das Vain Crow

Ein shrewder crow ben wanten brightisch fluffers und is uppen-gepicken der plumers der peacockers been droppen.

Mit hunten und searchen und hardens das crow ben sooner collecten ein grosser boxen upfullen mit plumers.

Outbetten der glue potten, das crow ben onsticken der plumers und geflouncen mit strutten und preenen.

Das crow ben gefoolen der dumbisch peacockers und iss sooner becomen ein biggen shotten mit rulen der rooster.

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thing is all wrong". And we are "all wrong" when we commit sin. We are doing just the opposite of what we were meant to do—there's something wrong with the "works".

There is no sense or meaning in a model or image of God that "turns out" sin. Sin is not only wrong, it is nonsense. The more you grow to see and know your likeness to God, the more you'll find how foolish it is to commit deliberate sin.

This Is The Lay Apostolate

The lay apostolate is an apostolate
of love.
It is the showing of Christ,
To the world of "other Christs."
We are those other Christs, you
and I.
We are not preachers;
We do not give the sacraments;
But we have to reveal Christ
By what we are—
To prove HIS reality,
His Being in us,
By what we do.

Our life must be Sacramental.
We cannot absolve,
But we must forgive.
We cannot lift up the Host in our
hands;
We must lift it up in our hearts.
We must be living monstrances.
"I, if I be lifted up, will draw all
men to me."
We have to lift Christ up in our
lives,
To show His love and pity
To show His beauty and attraction
Through the medium He has given
us, ourselves.
This is the lay apostolate

The name St. John loved to use for
Christ was, "The Word."
Christ is the spoken word
Telling us the secret of the Father's
love.
"The Word was made flesh", the
word spoken,
God's love for man uttered.
We are all words of Christ.
All who are baptized are words to
speak His love.
All down the ages
Men go on uttering the love of God.
We are on earth to do that.
Nothing else maters.

We all express Him in different
ways,
In the language he understands.
So that everyone may hear
That is why we are all different,
Why no two people are ever wholly
alike,
Why life seems so unequal,
Why we are all in such different
places and circumstances:
Simply that in all places,
In all languages,
Christ may be uttered
Through mem to men.
This is the lay apostolate.

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